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RE: Application No.: 10/529,134 - Filing Date: March 23, 2005

Applicant(s): Viktor Zoubek et al.

Group Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: Flemming Saether

Title: Fixing Element

Attorney Docket: 47623-0006

Response To Office Action Dated January 27, 2006

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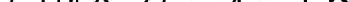
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 27, 2006. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.